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Sir:

In reply to the August 22, 2002 Office Action, the shortened statutory period for reply being extended by the attached Petition for Extension of Time, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Page 12, between lines 10 and 22, delete current paragraph and insert therefor:

Referring to Fig. 3 showing a sandwich structure 70 in a third embodiment according to the present invention, the sandwich structure 70 has a core 77 including foam plastic core members 72 and 73 of a closed-cell foam plastic material and a honeycomb core member 71 sandwiched between the foam plastic core members 72 and 73, and surface plates 75 and 76 bonded to the opposite surfaces of the core 77, respectively. The foam plastic core members 72 and 73 are bonded to the honeycomb core member 71 with adhesive films 78 not containing any carrier. The surface plates 75 and 76 are bonded to the core 77 with adhesive films 79 not containing any carrier. The surface plates 75 and 76 are formed of a fiber-reinforced composite material containing hydrophobic inorganic fibers.

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